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Hundreds take part in day-long Job Mela

Mysuru, Aug.30 (RKB&DM)- Coming as a boon to scores of jobless youths amidst the prevalent COVID-19 crisis, the day-long Udyoga Mela (Job Fair) organised by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, began at Dasara Exhibition Grounds here this morning, with hundreds of job aspirants from Mysuru and surrounding districts making a beeline to the venue.

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurated the Udyoga Mela by lighting the lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that acquiring skills is the need of the hour for today's job-seekers and the Department of Skill Development was providing training to youths to help them in attaining the required skills and become industry ready.

Explaining the benefits of skill learning, he said that trained candidates are most sought after by industrial and other manufacturing sectors.

Maintaining that the Government is making all efforts to reduce unemployment by training youths in skill development, entrepreneurship, employability and the like, the MLA hoped that the Job Mela will be a big success. He further said that the Department was also promoting entrepreneurship among youths and helping them in securing bank loans for starting their own ventures or getting self-employed.

Candidates registering their names at the Job Mela venue this morning as MLA S.A. Ramdas looks on.

The Job Mela is open for candidates aged between 18 and 35 years and with qualifications ranging from SSLC to Post-Graduate and technical degrees.

More than 50 companies, both locally and from outside are taking part in the Mela to recruit candidates and are issuing spot employment letters to candidates who are found suitable for them. About 500 candidates had registered online and more than 1,700 candidates are learnt to have done spot registration at the venue this morning. The candidates have the option to apply for multiple companies.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, District Skill Development Officer C. Jagannath, Department Assistant Director C.S. Sudarshan, Statistical Officer C. Mahadevaswamy, District Employment Officer D.M. Rani and other officials were present.

Tokyo Paralympics

Shooter Avani first Indian woman to win gold

Avani Lekhara

Tokyo, Aug. 30- Shooter Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold medal as she topped the podium in women's 10m Air Rifle Standing (SH1) event at the Tokyo Paralympics today.

The Indian shooter created a Paralympics record and equalled Iryna Shchetnik's world record that was set in 2018 with a score of 249.6 to win the gold medal. China's Cuiping Zhang won silver with 248.9 and Ukraine's Iryna Shchetnik took bronze with a total of 227.5.

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To Our Readers

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Bus collides against timber truck

Close shave for 35 passengers near Hunsur; driver seriously injured

Hanagodu, Aug. 30 (Mahesh &BCT)- Over 35 persons, including regular commuters to Mysuru from Kushalnagar, had a miraculous escape in the wee hours of today when a KSRTC bus they were travelling in collided against a parked truck carrying tree logs.

The incident occurred at Kalbetta near Hunsur at 5 am. The bus (KA-10-F-0035) was proceeding from Kushalnagar to Bengaluru via Mysuru and many office-goers from Kodagu regularly took this bus to reach Mysuru early. The bus belonged to the Hunsur KSRTC Depot.

Due to mist there was poor visibility and according to passengers, the driver of the bus, Mahadev, was sleepy and was in great speed too. He couldn't see the parked truck and dashed the bus against it, they said. Due to the impact, front portion of the bus was mangled and apart from the driver who has sustained grievous injuries, many passengers have been injured. The truck (KA-12-A-8311), carrying timber, had broken down forcing the driver to park it on the road.

(See BUS on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 30th August 2021

Labour Ministry to grant financial help for education; Apply online

Mysuru, Aug. 30- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has invited applications for granting financial assistance to the children of beedi, lime stone and dolomite mines/iron, chrome, manganese ore mines and cine workers studying from 1st standard to degree courses, professional and non-professional courses and ITI.

Applications are accepted only through online mode on National Scholarship Portal *https://scholarships.gov.in* and no hard copy of online filled application form by pre-matric and post-matric students will be accepted.

Details are as follows:

Class 1 to 5: Grant for dress/slate/books – Rs. 250 (Female) and Rs. 250 (Male).

Class 5 to 8: Financial assistance – Rs. 940 (F) and Rs. 500 (M).

Class 9: Financial assistance – Rs. 1,140 (F) and Rs. 700 (M).

Class 10: Financial assistance – Rs. 1,840 (F) and Rs. 1,400 (M).

Class 11 to 12: (PUC) – Financial assistance – Rs. 2,440 (F) and Rs. 2,000 (M).

Non-professional graduate/Post-Graduate/Diploma, BCA/BBA/PGDCA etc. – Financial assistance – Rs. 3,000 (F) and Rs. 3,000 (M).

- Last date for Pre-Matric (1st to 10th Std.): 15th Nov. 2021
- Last date for Post-Matric (11th Std. & above): 30th Nov. 2021)
- Last date for verification by Schools/ Colleges/ Universities/ Educational Institutions/ Managements (First Level): 15th Dec. 2021
- Last date for verification by State Nodal Officer (Second Level): 31st Dec. 2021

Professional Degree courses such as BE/B.Tec/MBBS/BAMS/BUMS/B.Sc (agriculture)/MCA/MBA etc. – Financial assistance – Rs. 15,000 (F) and Rs. 15,000 (M).

ITI courses : Stipend Scheme – Rs. 10,000 (F) and Rs. 10,000 (M).

Selected students will receive scholarship amount through Aadhaar enabled Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme or DBT through NEFT by online process and there is no extension of last date for applying. For clarification, e-mail to *helpdesk@nsp.gov.in* or call toll-free number: 0120-6619540. For further information, e-mail to *wclwoblr-ka@nic.in.*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

RJD scion Tejashwi Yadav asked: Animals and trees are counted, then why not castes? This is powerful framing, suggesting that only the most natural thing is being demanded here, and further it is a thing that is a natural requirement for better administration of welfare schemes in India. But in substance, this is nonsense. What we need to get a better bang for the buck from India's welfare architecture is better data about household consumption, jobs etc. Animals, trees, human beings… that is a listing of the natural world. Caste does not belong here as it is a completely artificial construct. Plus, Tejashwi would do well to refresh his reading of RJD forefather Ram Manohar Lohia who said, "Caste restricts opportunity. Restricted opportunity constricts ability. Constricted ability further restricts opportunity. Where caste prevails, opportunity and ability are restricted to ever-narrowing circles."

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man takes 5 doses of 3 different COVID vaccines

Rio de Janeiro: Authorities in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro are currently investigating how a local man was able to receive at least five doses of three different COVID-19 vaccines in just 10 days.

According to official records, the unnamed man started getting COVID vaccines in May and continued getting new jabs into June, until his vaccination marathon was finally discovered by staff at a vaccination station earlier this month while attempting to get yet another COVID shot. Records obtained by Brazilian media show that the man got his first Pfizer shot on May 12, the second dose of AstraZeneca on June 5, the second dose of Coronavac on June 17, another second dose of Pfizer on July 9th and the "first dose" of Coronavac on 21 July. It's not clear what his sixth dose was supposed to be.

1,450 dollars for 'Destroyed Sweater'

New York: Luxury fashion brand Balenciaga has been raising eyebrows with a new line of extremely distressed sweaters that look like they've been munched on by rats, but cost a small fortune.

Balenciaga designers have always tried to push the boundaries of what is considered luxury fashion, but sometimes they tend to go overboard. Remember that 2,300 dollars luxury skirt inspired by rubber car mats? Well, they found a way to one-up themselves with an entire line of distressed, high-quality wool sweaters designed to make the wearer look either extremely poor or like they narrowly escaped an encounter with an aggressive wild animal. The only thing that screams luxury fashion is the price tag, which stands at a whopping 1,450 dollars on the Balenciaga online store.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Before anaesthesia, surgeons used a grab-bag of techniques to mask pain, many of which must make you wonder what they were thinking. Some surgeons employed "counter irritants," rubbing nettles against a patient's arm to supposedly distract him or her from the agony of the scalpel.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anesthesiology

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Horticulture Day Celebrated

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Horticulture Department and District Horticultural Association celebrated 'Horticulture Day' recently in memory of M.H.Marigowda on his birth anniversary (Aug.8). Zilla Panchayat CEO A.M.Yogesh inaugurated the programme. On the occasion, saplings were distributed to Art and Craft teachers of various schools, who participated in the event. Also awareness was created on Nutritious Home Garden Campaign among the teachers. Ex-Director of Horticulture Department Dr. Hanumaiah, Dean of College of Horticulture, Mysuru, Dr. Janardhan and other officials of ZP were present.

REALLY...?

- *There are 10-12 teaspoons of sugar in a single can of soda.*
- *Most animals don't get cavities because their diets aren't high in sugar.*
- *In 1866, Lucy Beaman Hobbs became the first licensed female dentist.*

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Total Positive Cases	1,75,793	1,75,879
Day's Discharges	111	72
Total Discharges	1,72,470	1,72,542
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,358	2,358
Total Active Cases	965	979

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

This potholed road still crying for attention

Sir,

The potholed 3rd A Cross road at I-Block, Dattagalli-Kanakadasanagar, the photo of which was published recently in *SOM*, hasn't so far evoked any response from the authorities or area Corporator. Every splash of rain is deepening the potholes and the road is becoming worst from bad *(see pic)*.

May I request the authorities to repair the road for the convenience of the tax-paying citizens.

—B.G. Balaji

Kanakadasanagar 24.8.2021

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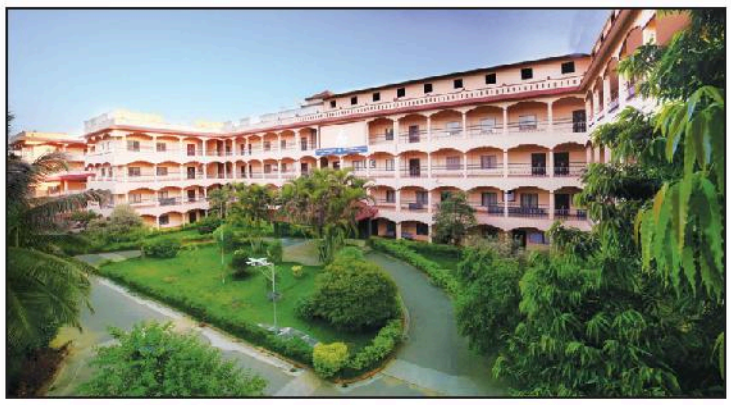


Mysuru, Aug. 30- With a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.70 out of 4, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has been awarded A++, the highest grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in third cycle. Amrita School of Arts and Sciences located in Bogadi II Stage, Mysuru, is one of the constituent schools of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and has been imparting quality education over the last eighteen years.

To be eligible to apply for the NAAC accreditation, an educational institution should have completed five years. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham had just completed six years in January 2009 when it applied for accreditation for first cycle.

This puts Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham under Category 1 Autonomy Higher Education Institution in India and will fulfill its mission to provide value-based education.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. Venkat Rangan said "It is a privilege and honour for us to have received the highest-possible A++ grading from NAAC, considering that we are still a young University founded in 2003."

NAAC is an autonomous body established in 1994 by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in the country and head quartered in Bengaluru.

The accreditation process involves seven criteria — curriculum, learning and evaluation, research and innovation, infrastructure, student support, governance and institutional values. The Universities after assessment by NAAC are awarded one of the eight grades — A++, A+, A, B++, B+, B, C and D.

Columbia Asia Hospital holds webinar on 'Healthy Heart'

Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy and Dr. Upendra Shenoy conducting the Interactive Cardiac Session at Columbia Asia Hospital in city.

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Columbia Asia Hospitals - Mysore (A Unit of Manipal Hospitals) had organised a webinar on 'Healthy Heart' on Aug.28. In all, 72 people participated in the interactive session and clarified their doubts about heart-related issues.

Dr. Upendra Shenoy, Consultant Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeon, Chief of Medical Services, Columbia Asia Hospital-Mysore and Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy, Consultant, Interventional Cardiology, Columbia Asia Hospital-Mysore, addressed the session.

Dr. Upendra Shenoy said, "Earlier people in the age group of 40 and above were vulnerable to heart problems. Comorbid conditions like diabetes, hypertension and a family history of cardiovascular diseases were the major reasons. However, in the past few years, we are witnessing heart-related problems among younger population. This can be attributed to factors such as following sedentary lifestyle, stress, lack of physical activity and unhealthy habits. Therefore, we want youngsters as well as elders to give importance to their heart's health and ensure that they are fit and healthy."

"The onset of pandemic has highlighted the necessity to keep fit and maintain a healthy heart with many complaining about various heart problems after they are cured of COVID," he noted.

Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy said "One needs to understand that people do not get cardiovascular problem suddenly. The entire process starts after the age of 20-25. If proper care is not taken and people continue to follow sedentary lifestyle habits, the plaque may start building up in the arteries. Other lifestyle conditions like obesity, stress can add to it and habits like smoking can aggravate the condition. Though we keep stressing on these factors, many youngsters think that they are too young to get affected by heart problems and they need not worry yet. We have organised this webinar to educate people on the factors which affects heart's health and how to have a healthy heart."

During the session the doctors advised people not to ignore the symptoms of heart problems such as chest pain and breathlessness and encouraged regular preventive health checks.

Atomic Energy Employees Association

The following have been elected as the office-bearers of Atomic Energy Employees Association BARC/ RMP, Mysuru, for the tenure 2021-2023: A.L. Joshi - President, Sabu Abraham - Vice-President, K.N. Ananda - General Secretary, B.S. Sanal Kumar and P. Praveen - Joint Secretaries, N. Nagaraja - Treasurer; R. Santhosh, G. Santhosha, K. Hareesha, M. Jayatheertha, N. Madhuchandra, C.M. Gireesh, R.S. Mahadev, K. Lokesh, C.P. Pradeep, T. Nagaraja, Doddi Jagadeesh - Executive Committee Members. Seen are** *(from right)* **M. Jayatheertha, A.L. Joshi, Sabu Abraham, K.N. Ananda, P. Praveen, B.S. Sanal Kumar and N. Nagaraja.

Teresian College awarded A+ by NAAC

Teresian College staff seen with the NAAC team.

Mysuru, Aug. 30-Teresian College, Mysuru, has been awarded 'A+' Grade (IV Cycle) with highest CGPA of 3.45 among Colleges of Mysuru region by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The Institution has been granted UGC recognition under 2(f) and 12(B), offers various under-graduate programmes such as BA, B.Sc., B. Com, B.B.A degrees and post-graduate courses in Biotechnology, English, Psychology and Commerce, Ph.D programme in Biotechnology and Commerce.

UGC-funded courses like Diploma in Health Care, Diploma in Accounting and Taxation, Diploma in Molecular Diagnostics are being offered under Teresian Community College.

NAAC Peer team visited the College campus in Siddarthanagar for 4th cycle of accreditation on Aug.17 and 18.

This milestone was achieved under the leadership of Dr. Veena M. D'Almieda, Principal, Prof. Annie Mathew, NAAC Coordinator, Dr. C. Jeyanthi, IQAC Coordinator, Rev. Sr. Gladys Castelino, Manager, Dr. Sr. Juanita, Director, Dr. Sr. Rohini, Administrator, Dr. Sr. Sajitha, former Director, Rev. Sr. Anjali, Finance Manager, staff and students.

NEWS BRIEFS

KIADB gets new Development Officer

B.L. Arun Kumar

B.L. Arun Kumar recently assumed office as Development Officer and Executive Engineer of KIADB, Mysuru Region. Industrialists of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts can contact him for water supply, street light, roads and industrial land related issues on Mob: 94483-23765 or Ph: 0821-4258831 or 0821-2582014; e-mail: domysuru@kiadb.in, according to a press release from Suresh Kumar Jain, Secretary, Mysore Industries Association [Mob: 99864-44654].

Sheshavahanotsava Annakoototsava

As part of Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Sheshavahanotsava Annakoototsava has been organised at Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple Complex, Gokulam 3rd Stage, at 11 am tomorrow (Aug. 31), under the aegis of Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha.

No CGPA meeting

There will be no monthly meeting of Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru, till the month of December 2021, according to a press release from CGPA President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	117.78	feet
Yesterday	:	118.45	feet
Inflow	:	3,836	cusecs
Outflow	:	9,552	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,281.04	feet
Inflow	:	6,443	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,750	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.57	feet
Inflow	:	2,537	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,600	cusecs

ZAK gives nod to hike Zoo, Karanji Lake entry fee

Discussion to prepare DPR for long-pending aquarium project taken up

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MK&AK)- Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has given approval to hike the entry ticket prices of Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park. The decision to hike the entry ticket prices was taken at the 148th Governing Council meeting chaired by ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy at Atal Bihari Zoological Park in Bellary on Friday.

Discussions over several developmental works such as construction of the under pass in front of Mysuru Zoo and preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Aquarium project among other developmental works were taken up at the meeting.

Approval to provide medical equipment to Belagavi Zoo from Mysuru Zoo, proposal to procure Zeebra from foreign Zoo and hike in entry fee for Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake was given.

Mahadevaswamy said that Rs. 1 crore out of Rs. 5 crore grant for the Forest Department proposal to maintain the rescued injured wild animals has been released out of which Rs. 70 lakh has been given to Mysuru Zoo and Rs. 30 lakh has been given to Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru.

Discussions to appoint internal auditors at Mysuru Zoo, Bannerghatta Park, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoo at Ballari district and Tiger and Lion Sanctuary at Shivamogga were also discussed

Aquarium, a long wait project

The much-touted modern aquarium at Mysuru Zoo (Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens), which has been in limbo for years, will now gain fresh traction. The State Government had given its nod for the aquarium and had asked Zoo Authority of Karnataka to prepare a Detailed Project Report.

Mysuru Zoo being one of the top tourist destinations of the city, the State Government had mooted setting up of a huge aquarium connecting Zoo with the adjacent Karanji Lake in 2010-11. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the executing agency, had started the works on the project in about 6,000 sq. ft. area at a cost of Rs. 4.26 crore. But as the project cost was estimated at Rs. 30 crore, the MCC and Mysuru Zoo entered into a row over release of funds, following which the works came to a standstill since then.

With the ambitious project in limbo for years, S.R. Mahesh, who was the Tourism Minister in the Coalition Government, evinced interest in the completion of the aquarium had conducted an inspection of the project on July 1, 2018. Following a direction from Mahesh, the Aquarium building was handed over to the Zoo authorities on July 14, 2018.

A New Zealand-based firm had shown interest in the project. The firm had built an Aquatic Life Science Park in 13,000 sq. mts area at Ahmedabad in Gujarat at a cost of Rs. 257 crore.

Hopefully if everything goes according to the plan, tourists who visit Chamarajendra Zoological Garden will get to experience the aquatic life through aquarium project.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Vasanthkumar Gogi, Principal Secretary to Government (Environment & Ecology), Forest, Environment and Ecology Department Sanjay Bijjur, ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, ZAK Members Gokul Govardhan, Jyoti Rechanna and others were present at the meeting.

Congress party's adamant stand responsible for Mayor post going to BJP, says JD(S) MLA Mahesh

S.R. Mahesh

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&DM)- Three days after Sunanda Palanetra was elected as the first BJP Mayor of the city, JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh blamed the adamant stance of Congress leaders for the Mayor post going to BJP.

Addressing a press meet at his office near Ramavilas Road here on Saturday, S.R. Mahesh, the JD(S) MLA from K.R. Nagar, maintained that the Mayor post went to the BJP as the State Congress leaders took an adamant stand of not talking to State JD(S) leaders in the run up to the Mayoral poll held on Aug. 25.

Asserting that neither KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar nor Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah spoke to the JD(S) top brass regarding the Mysuru Mayoral poll, Mahesh noted that just as how the High Command is important for the Congress, the party's top brass is important for the JD(S) too in taking decisions.

Pointing out that only N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait and KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan spoke to him about continuation of the Congress-JD(S) alliance in the MCC, when the two Congress leaders were told that the JD(S) would leave the Mayor post to the Congress subject to the condition that the Congress High Command should talk to JD(S) top brass, Mahesh contended that however, the Congress leaders were unwilling to talk to former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda nor former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Stating that only N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait approached him the previous night of the day of Mayoral poll, Mahesh said that he clearly told Sait that State Congress leaders should talk to JD(S) top brass, which did not happen at all and this forced the JD(S) to field it's own candidate for the Mayoral poll.

Making a startling revelation that a plot was hatched in the MCC for misappropriation of Rs. 6 crore funds, Mahesh claimed that JD(S) Corporators have thwarted such attempts and he would shortly disclose documents regarding it. He also alleged that an MCC official had plotted to misuse funds under 15th Financial plan and other allocations.

Stating that he was supportive of MP Pratap Simha's demand that the use of Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms by IAS and IPS officers be stopped, MLA S.R. Mahesh said that these bureaucrats who get a good salary and other benefits from the Government, are engaging social media platforms only for promoting themselves and getting publicity. He also urged the bureaucrats to stop opening fake Facebook accounts in the name of their fans or followers. He reiterated that the Government should ban use of Facebook, Twitter and such other social media platforms by bureaucrats and other top Government servants.

Referring to the recent announcement by his fellow JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who represents Chamundeshwari constituency, that he would join the Congress, S.R. Mahesh said that he has all along been stating that GTD was always their leader. Expressing the hope that GTD would soon change his mind and continue in the JD(S), he said that the party would wait for him just like Shabari waited for Lord Rama as told in Ramayana.

Observing that GTD's exit from the JD(S) would politically affect him (GTD) and also the JD(S) in the coming days, the K.R. Nagar MLA recalled the efforts made by JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda to retain him in the party.

Stating that GTD should realise that the party is bigger than an individual, Mahesh contended that both H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy still have an open mind in retaining GTD in the party.

Gang rape incident at Chamundi Foothill

Four accused undergo DNA sampling, medical tests

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&BCT)- All the five accused in the Aug. 24 gang rape of a 22-year-old MBA student who were arrested in Tamil Nadu have been produced before the 3rd Judicial Magistrate First Class Court and the judge has remanded them to 10-day Police custody.

While their custody was secured on Saturday night itself, four of them were subjected to medical tests at a private hospital in the city yesterday. Medical tests are crucial in rape cases and this is considered as clinching evidence in punishing the criminals.

While subjecting them to medical tests, their samples of hair and skin (DNA samples) were collected by Police and have been sent to the Forensic Sciences Laboratory for examination and a detailed analysis.

Minor's age to be determined

Of the arrested, one is a minor and the Police are ascertaining his age and are collecting evidence though the accused has stated that he is 17. Teams will have to corroborate other evidence to determine his exact age.

After the infamous 2012 Nirbhaya gang rape and murder in New Delhi, the Juvenile Justice Act, which allows children aged between 16 and 18 years and in conflict with the law to be tried as adults in cases of heinous offences, took effect in January 2016. The city Police, however, did not subject the minor to medical tests, sources said.

Police sources said that accused were being questioned and interrogated for additional information pertaining to the crime and also past offences. The complaint has been registered in the Alanahalli Police Station and multiple teams comprising officers drawn from different Police Stations have been pulled in to investigate various angles. Sources said that Devaraja ACP Shashidhar is leading the interrogation team.

Two more on the run

According to the statement given by the complainant, who is the rape survivor's friend, there are six accused and one is absconding. But the Tirupur Police have stated two more persons are also involved in the crime and were on the run.

The search for them in Tamil Nadu has been intensified and a team has been stationed there to monitor their movements. The city Police believe that there are two more accused as certain statements given by the victim's friend were incoherent and had gaps.

It has already been established that these criminals had targeted many couples in the past at the foot of Chamundi Hill and surrounding areas where there are many bushy and secluded places. They used to threaten, blackmail and even molest the women while the victims never filed complaints due to fear and shame.

Routine for three years

All five accused have criminal background and were involved in crimes like thefts & robbery. They had cases registered against them in different Police Stations in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The gang had made Mysuru their centre of operations and after doing manual labour at APMC in Bandipalya they used to consume alcohol to their heart's content and then indulge in crimes. The gang bought liquor at the APMC yard and then reached the foothills of Chamundi looking for targets. They have been following this routine for three years.

They used to target couples, youths and lone women especially at secluded areas at the foot of Chamundi Hill. While two of the accused used to molest and harass women, others looted money, mobile phones and valuables after threatening.

One arrested was out on bail for sandalwood theft

A file photo of Inter-State sandalwood thieves, including Bhoopathi, nabbed by Nazarbad Police on Jan. 8, 2021.

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&BCT)- One of the accused in the gang rape, Bhoopathi alas Keeri of Susaipuram of Tamil Nadu, is just 24 but notorious in criminal activities.

Bhoopathi

In January this year, Bhoopathi was arrested by the Nazarbad Police in connection with a sandalwood smuggling case. With his arrest then along with three others, the Police had busted an inter-State gang and had seized 46 kg sandalwood logs worth Rs. 5.5 lakh and a car used for smuggling.

As many as 10 sandalwood theft cases reported in six Police Station limits were solved. The accused were from Susaipuram of Thalavadi and from Avinashi taluk, Tirupur district. In fact, the smugglers were arrested from a park in K.C. Layout Main Road at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

The modus operandi of the gang was to survey mature sandalwood trees grown in the Government Office premises and cut it during night and take it away to Tamil Nadu where it was sold for customers. The accused used to cut a tree in minutes using a battery-operated saw. The Lancer car used by the gang to transport the sandalwood logs was also seized.

Soon after the arrest, Bhoopathi managed to secure bail and this helped him indulge in more crimes, Police said. Meanwhile, a video clip of a woman, said to be Bhoopathi's mother, shedding tears for her son has gone viral. The woman claimed that her son was innocent and the Police had taken him away without any reason when he was asleep.

Art for change

Gang rape as protest painting theme

Reflecting the public sentiments and outrage over the gang rape incident and underlining the demand for capital punishment for the accused, students of city-based Ravivarma Art Institute, Rahul Manohara and Sumanth Gowda, 'protest' painted the walls on Dewan's Road with an eye-catching image.

The painting 'RAPE' with the silhouette images of rapists hanging down from each letters is proving to be an eye-ball grabber. An image of a girl with her head ducked is also painted alongside to portray the trauma and agony suffered by the victim.

Only black paint has been used to denote the anguish mixed with tragedy. The wall has been painted to send the message that a shocking event of the year must not be forgotten and the criminals must be brought to book. The painting also seems to send out a message that rapes and assaults against women paint an ugly picture of Mysuru.

Conviction of assaulters hinges on victim's statements

Rape survivor, friend leave Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&BCT)- Punishment for harsher crimes like the gang rape of an MBA student that occurred in Mysuru on Aug. 24 requires textbook investigation that has every element in order. This requires a professional, specialised approach from the Police to ensure a watertight case that results in conviction.

But in the absence of the statement from the rape survivor, it has become challenging for the Police to collect evidence. The victim's statement to the Police is a crucial aspect and Courts have held that the statement of a rape survivor should be enough to secure conviction.

Even the Supreme Court has held that in India no girl will go to the Police Station and say she was raped by this man.

"When it comes from the heart, the judge should accept her testimony and conviction can be based on it. The victim's statement is absolutely trustworthy, unblemished and of sterling quality," the SC has observed.

In the Mysuru gang rape, however, there is no statement from the victim and she has been taken back to her hometown by her parents even after the doctors advised against such moves. Police sources told *Star of Mysore* that the rape survivor is not responding to their messages and calls.

The victim is unwilling to record her statement in connection with the case. Police sources said that the victim had also declined to give her statement earlier as she was so traumatised and was not in a position to give a statement.

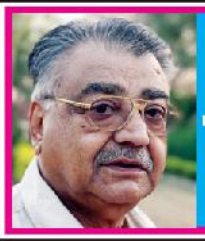
"The parents do not want the name of their daughter to come out at any cost and she has been taken to Mumbai. We have not got a single line from her and we have even sent the photos of the accused to her for identification but we have not heard from her so far," a Police officer admitted.

Even the victim's friend has got discharged from the hospital and his parents have taken him back to hometown that is next to Mysuru district.

Though the Police are tight-lipped about his identity, sources said that he is the son of an industrialist and has the backing of a powerful politician who has put pressure on the Police to not reveal his identity.

Sources said that this and the non-cooperation of the victim might turn out to be the biggest roadblocks to secure punishment to the accused. Also, sources added that the victim's friend was engaged to a girl from his native place and his parents feel that his marital prospects would be hampered if his identity is revealed. As his statements to the Police are filled with gaps and inconsistencies, the investigation teams are expecting more clarity from him.

To secure conviction in this case, the Police have to depend on technological upgrades, DNA sampling, documentation, finesse in handling evidence and also psychological profiling of the rapists. They have to check for patterns and evolve better methods of handling the accused and obtain confessions to ensure justice, said legal experts.



Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

No X-mas cake to my sister Reverend Sr. Annette

My sister Annette left this world on 28th August 2021 on her final journey to the world unknown. It is said that 'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.' If so, my sister is living here with us in our hearts.

I came to know Sr. Annette when she was the Principal of Teresian College. My sister-in-law was teaching in that College and it was she who first introduced her to me. Since then I have been in touch with her if not often, but for Christmas definitely. A card and a cake would go to her after she retired in 1993. She was staying in Naguvanahalli where I had been twice to see her, then in Nirmala Convent (Gokulam) and also at Avila Convent (near Jaganmohan Palace) after retirement. During these periods she would occasionally talk to me, enquire about my family members, specially of my brother Dr. K.B. Subbaiah and then general pep-talk. She always called me Gandhi, my pet name.

In the last about two years, during the period of COVID-19 pandemic, she was in touch with me while she was in Cochin with her sisters, enquiring about the situation in Mysuru and her desire to come to Mysuru. Everytime I enquired about her health, she would only say, "Old age you know" and mentioned only of asthma a couple of times. Not more.

From our casual confabulation, I could know her close attachment to her family. Once she was inconsolable while speaking from Kerala. She had promised to call me when she arrived in Mysuru around this time. But she never called. My only sister, not related to her calling as a nun, has gone on her eternal journey. Since I have no biological sister, I always felt nice hearing my sister Annette saying on phone "Wondering where is my brother. What Gandheee..." It would be a prolonged drawl. These words began to reverberate in my ears as I heard her passing away.

Reverend Sister Annette was an iconic Principal of the then only Women's College

Rev. Sister Annette

"Life's work well done;
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Everlasting peace well earned,
Enter noble soul"

— American physician and poet Edward Hazen Parker

— Teresian College, which she joined in 1966 and served the Institution from 1977 to 1993 as the most revered, loved Principal. Her name was synonymous with Teresian College so much so one would ask, "Did you meet Sr. Annette?" instead of asking "Did you go to Teresian College?" I learnt that she was rather too gentle and soft on her staff and would give them much liberty and freedom. She also had a sense of humour.

Once I had gone to a Christian monastery, named Anjali Ashram, along with an IAS Officer for a fellowship or call it Satsang. The head of the Ashram was clad in ochre shawl like a Hindu Sanyasi and no candle! There were pedestal lamps and earthen small lamps — diyas. The proceedings began with a prayer and who did I see playing the Thamburi, holding that huge instrument? My sister Annette! Later while leaving I addressed her as Meera Bai, the famous woman Hindu Saint seen in paintings holding a stringed instrument in her hand and dancing her way to Lord's glory.

Rev. Sr. Annette was such a gentle, noble soul as a nun and the Principal that when she retired, her successor nun was seen as very strict and students nicknamed her as Margaret Thatcher — the then British Prime Minister known for her temper and hubris. Once I was invited by her for their Annual College Day and when I mentioned about the new Principal alluding to the nickname Margaret Thatcher, there was a deafening cheer from the students. The new Principal sitting by my side looked at me and gave me a benign smile. Apparently, the students saw a sharp contrast between their old and new Principal! Let it be.

I learn Sr. Annette hailed from a well-to-do family and was endowed with great talents. A good singer, a musician who could play Veena and Thamburi, a wonderful dancer of Indian form of dancing, a meticulous choreographer and above all, a good organiser. No wonder she took Teresian College to such great heights that those girls who studied there would be sure of finding a suitable boy! It was curious that she took her MA from the Banaras Hindu University.

Being an educationist par excellence, it is only proper and just that the Mysore University availed her services as the Academic Council, Senate and Syndicate Member.

It is said that "Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them." My dear sister, be assured there is a legion of your friends, admirers and students who will not forget you. Count me as one among them, sister. Your legacy will endure.

Let me now recall a poem by an American physician and poet Edward Hazen Parker by way of a tribute to a departed soul.

"Life's work well done;
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Everlasting peace well earned,
Enter noble soul"

So said the Angel at the Pearly Gates of Heaven.

By now my sister must have already entered the Pearly Gates of Heaven. RIP.

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Additional Police force to keep vigil at Chamundi Foothill

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MK&KS)- Following the horrific incident of a girl student being gang raped at the foot of Chamundi Hill, Senior Police officials have deployed additional Police personnel to keep vigil in the surroundings of Chamundi Hill and foothill besides stepping up 24x7 patrolling.

The areas around the foot of the hill come under the jurisdictions of Alanahalli, Krishnaraja and Mysuru Rural Police, who have stepped up security in their respective jurisdictions. Checking of vehicles is being conducted in the four routes to Chamundi Hill — J.C. Nagar route, Nandi route, Uttanahalli route and the JSS College route.

Police patrolling has been intensified during nights and two additional patrolling vehicles each have been given to Krishnaraja and Mysuru Rural Police.

Steps have been taken to prevent youths (boys and girl) from moving around the foothills and cases are being registered against those found consuming liquor at public places. Twenty cases have already been booked in two days in this regard, said a Police Officer.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that additional Police force has been deployed and the number of patrolling vehicles has been increased for security purpose.

As there will be no movement of people at the foothills during dark, miscreants are taking advantage of this to indulge in criminal activities and strict action will be taken against them. Instructions have been given to book cases against those found consuming liquor at public places and creating nuisance.

Bus collides against timber truck

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The impact of the accident was such that the heavy truck was pushed to a few feet ahead by the speeding bus. The truck driver, who was sleeping inside the vehicle, woke up to the thud sound and a sudden jerk.

He helped a few passengers to alight the bus and the Hunsur Rural Police were informed. Following the early morning accident, traffic was held up on the road for about 30 minutes. Hunsur Rural Inspector Chikkaswamy, who had just returned home after inspecting an accident spot near Hanagodu last night where two persons were killed, rushed to the spot and helped shift the injured and the bus driver to the Hunsur Government Hospital.

Two bikers killed in accident near Hunsur

Hunsur, Aug. 30 (BCT & Mahesh) - In another accident near Hunsur, two persons were killed when their bike rammed against a roadside fence post late last night. Both of them were not wearing helmets and died on the spot.

The victims have been identified as 55-year-old Rajegowda and his brother-in-law 32-year-old Ravi. Both of them hailed from Mailambur village near Honnenahalli of Hunsur taluk. Eyewitness account said that they lost balance due to a tractor that was coming from the opposite side.

Ravi was riding the bike and both were returning home at around 10.30 pm after attending a village festival at their relatives' place. Hunsur Rural Inspector Chikkaswamy visited the spot and conducted a mahazar.

Weekend curfew violation
Cops seize 39 vehicles

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police have seized a total of 39 vehicles for violating the weekend curfew rules in city.

The Traffic Cops, who conducted special checking drives across the city on Aug. 28, seized 30 two-wheelers, 7 cars and 2 auto-rickshaws, which were found moving unnecessarily on city roads despite weekend curfew.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has urged the public to follow COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government to prevent the spread of the deadly virus and co-operate with the Police.

How good or bad is your hearing? Test yourself

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing develops user-friendly Android App

By Mohan Kayaka

DOWNLOAD AHS APP: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aiish.app

Mysuru, Aug. 30- City-based All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) that has achieved many milestones and excellences in the field of communication disorders and an institute that has conducted exemplary research in the field of communication has achieved another distinction by developing an Android-based mobile App for hearing screening.

This is an end-to App where people can screen themselves to test their hearing abilities and also to get it rectified by visiting the nearest speech centre to his/her location and these details too are provided in the App.

Hearing is essential for effective communication and any impairment can cause disruption in communication as well as can have an impact on academic achievements, workplace, emotional and psychological areas.

Hearing loss can progress over time based on the nature of hearing loss. Certain causes that are associated with progressive hearing loss include aging, continued noise exposure without hearing protection, neglected ear infections, etc.

Hence, early detection of hearing loss is vital for effective intervention. Everyone should check their hearing to make sure that hearing loss is detected early. The Android-based mobile App helps people in hearing screening.

The onset of hearing loss is sudden and can occur in one of both the ears. Immediate steps have to be taken to manage as certain types of sudden hearing loss are reversible if immediate treatment is not followed.

Whoever wishes to know if their hearing is normal or not, can use the AIISH Hearing Screening (AHS) App which is freely downloadable from the Google Playstore. It takes less than 5 minutes to administer and can be used by those who are eight years old and above.

The App can be self-administered by users of Hindi, Kannada and English languages where earphones can be connected to the mobile phone for the administration of this App in order to screen each ear separately. The App has been developed by a team comprising Dr. P. Manjula, Dr. B. Jithin Raj, B. Nagaraju and S. Prashanth.

How the App works

The AHS App presents a set of words (one after the other) in the presence of background noise to each ear. The user will have to identify the word by pointing / touching the correct picture (from four options) on the mobile screen. After completing the screening test, the result will be displayed as either 'PASS' or 'REFER' to nearby audiological centres.

That is, in case a hearing loss is detected, the user will be informed regarding the need for further evaluation at the nearby audiological centres to seek further help in these centres.

This App is an apt tool for knowing the status of hearing since all people cannot reach the centre with a facility for testing (because of distance and cost involved). A preliminary screening can be made using this App which will identify those with a hearing problem and refer them to nearby audiological centres for further help.

For its pioneering work and research in the field of speech and communication, AIISH has bagged the Certificate of Membership of World Hearing Forum coming under World Health Organisation this year, standing tall among a handful of Indian Institutions which have earned this prestigious membership.

User-friendly, says Director

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi said that the AHS App has been developed in a user-friendly manner and is easy to use. "In case a person has hearing issues, the App even identifies the recognised and validated place where he/she can get her ears tested and find a solution to the hearing issue," she said.

"We encourage all to use the App to detect hearing loss and take necessary action. Further in the App, a provision has been made for the link to be shared with others and also has a link to the AIISH YouTube and Facebook pages where the user can avail detailed information regarding AIISH and the services provided," she added.

Woman attempts suicide in front of Govt. officials

They had gone to demolish her house

Nagamangala, Aug. 30 (Mahesh&KS)- A woman reportedly consumed pesticides in a bid to end her life in front of Government officials who had come to demolish her house as per the orders from Lokayukta.

The incident took place at Hullenahalli village, Devalapura hobli in Nagamangala taluk recently and the woman, who attempted suicide, is Hombalamma and she has been admitted to Adichunchanagiri Hospital at Bellur.

Hombalamma's specially abled son Venkatesh had taken loan from Karadahalli Gram Panchayat and had constructed a house. He had obtained license from the Gram Panchayat to construct the house and CESC had provided power connection to the house and was living in the house along with his mother.

Meanwhile, Hombalamma's neighbour, accusing that his property was encroached by Hombalamma and Venkatesh, had moved the Court and had also complained to the Lokayukta.

As the Lokayukta had ordered demolition of the encroached property, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Rangaswamy and Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Chandramouli, along with Police personnel arrived at the village to demolish the part of the encroached house.

On seeing the demolition squad, Hombalamma, son Venkatesh and daughter Lakshmi protested against the demolition move and wordy duel ensued between the family members and the officials for more than an hour.

Venkatesh said that the Gram Panchayat had given license to construct the house. "The officials should first take measurements before demolishing the encroached part. It is not right on the part of officials to take action like this on a handicap person like me. We have not encroached anyone's property or place. Let the officials first take measurement and then take action," he added.

Not knowing what to do and to prevent her house from being demolished, Hombalamma reportedly consumed pesticides in a bid to commit suicide much to the shock of the officials.

The officials, who were shocked on seeing Homballama consuming pesticides, immediately summoned an ambulance and rushed her to the General Hospital and later shifted her to Adichunchanagiri Hospital at Bellur for further treatment. The officials had to go back without demolishing the house.

Meanwhile, PDO Rangaswamy said that both the parties had approached a Court over encroachment. "Now, the Lokayukta has ordered us to get the encroached part of the house demolished and submit a report before Aug. 30 and it is our duty to follow the order," he added.

Man goes missing

Veeresh

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (YDS&KS)- A 41-year-old man, who left his house on Aug. 26, has since gone missing. The missing person is Veeresh, a resident of RMHS Layout in Shakthinagar, according to the complaint lodged by missing person's wife Rekha with Udayagiri Police. Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Ward 36 by-poll: MLA S.R. Mahesh campaigns for party candidate

K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh yesterday campaigned for party candidate Leelavathi Mahesh for MCC Ward No. 36 (Yaraganahalli) by-poll, which will be held on Sept. 3. The MLA, along with MLC Srikantegowda, Corporators SBM Manju and Bhagya Madesh and party leaders, visited houses in Ward 36 and sought votes from the residents in favour of Leelavathi.

12-year-old succumbs to illness

K. Shreya

Mysuru, Aug. 30- K. Shreya (12), daughter of K. Kantharaju and Keerthana couple and a resident of Vani Vilas Layout at Hebbal, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness. She leaves behind her parents, elder sister Monisha, grandparents and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kumbarakoppal Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Complaint lodged against sale of duplicate beedis

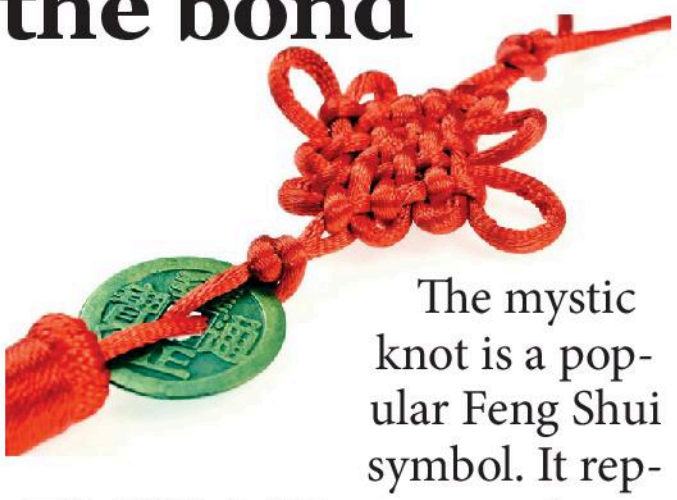
Mysuru, Aug. 30 (KS)- Ganesh Beedi Works General Power of Attorney (GPA) holder Vikaskumar Malli has lodged a complaint against a person for selling duplicate Ganesh Beedis in city.

A complaint has been lodged against on Akmal Pasha at Udayagiri Police Station for manufacturing and selling the duplicate beedis at Udayagiri, Shanthinagar, Rajivnagar and other localities.

Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

By **S.B.S. Surendra,** Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Strengthening the bond



The mystic knot is a popular Feng Shui symbol. It represents harmony, eternity, eternal love and harmonious existence. It is known to bring good luck as well.

It's common to hear from many that they are going through a roller coaster in their relationships. When it pertains to someone close to you and you happen to know the couple, it gets difficult to take sides, advise or even support any one of them and yet you have the urge to help them to resolve.

Under such circumstances, the best possible approach would be to offer a support to harmonise their living space, bedroom and smoothen ruffled feathers and Feng Shui comes handy. By adapting basic remedies, most of the issues can be resolved.

A cluttered mind causes immense stress; It stands for disorder and chaos, which is harmful in terms of Feng Shui energies for a happy married life. To start implementing Feng Shui, the first step would be to remove all the clutter from the house, so that the energy can flow unhindered.

In order to relieve stress, be sure your bedroom has proper Feng Shui energy that helps your body renew and rejuvenate while you sleep. This can dissolve anger and give the opportunity to think with more care, love and compassion.

Check the southwest sector of your space for an unbalanced/ heavy flow of energy as compared to other areas of the home, in short look for laundry room, bathrooms, big closets or a car garage in this sector which represents the love/ marriage and relationship aspiration.

Next look at your bedroom, is it too dark, with very little natural light? Are your closets and cupboards overflowing, is the bed directly facing the bedroom door with no support on both sides, is the bed headboard sharing a toilet or kitchen stove on the other side of the wall.

To activate the good Feng Shui, place the following symbolic cures:

- Pair of boulders tied together with a red ribbon at SW of bedroom or the SW of the garden.
- Red decor or wall hanging at SW of bedroom.
- Place photos of the couple, more the better and place them in living and bedroom. However, if you're single, avoid solitary images.
- Place pair of scented red candles at SW of bedroom.
- Birds or swans in pair on the bedside table.
- Greenery, especially flowers, is best when it is fresh, so keep real plants and flowers around in the house.
- The mystic knot is a popular Feng Shui symbol. It represents harmony, eternity, eternal love and harmonious existence. It is known to bring good luck as well.
- The symbol of two-eights represents eternity and it is a good representation for undying and eternal love, which can support a married life and also connect to the right partner for those who are single.

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Mysuru boy wins
Intl. Folk Art Competition

Aditya Anand

Mysuru teen, Aditya Anand won first place in the recently conducted International Indian Folk Art Competition, based exclusively on indigenous Indian folk art forms like Warli, Madhubani, Kalamkari etc.

This competition was conducted by the International Indian Folk Art Gallery (IIFAG), based in Australia. Students from across the world participated in this competition.

Aditya's artwork was in the Cheriyal Scroll Painting form. This art form, originating in Telangana's Cheriyal village, has a red base and bright borders, and the painting depicts either village life, or mythological stories. Before, the making of these paintings were spread across Andhra, but now the practice is carried out only in the village of Cheriyal.

The 15-year-old's painting, aptly named 'Rural Utopia' shows five village scenarios, with the characters carrying out tasks like grazing cows or drawing water from a well. The painting was shortlisted for the top five in the category and was later declared the winning piece.

The prize for first place was Rs. 20,000 cash, along with a voucher worth Rs. 2,000 for an art course.

What makes this feat all the more impressive is that after the public voting and judging procedure, Aditya's artwork received a score of 238, which was the highest aggregate score across all categories in the competition. Subsequently, all the 12 winners across categories were interviewed for the Anjali Arora Talk Show, which has been uploaded on YouTube and Facebook.

Aditya was a student at ABC Academy in V.V. Mohalla and Excel Public School, before moving to Mumbai. Presently he is a student of Class 10 at Gundecha Education Academy.

His proud parents are Anand Mohan, a Tax Consultant and CA T.G. Srilatha, a Company Secretary, who was also the former Chairperson of Mysuru Chapter of ICSI.

Winners of Independence Day painting contest

As part of Independence Day celebrations, a painting competition was organised for high school students by city's Brahmibthutha Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation. The prize-winning students — Vaibhav (1st prize) of Navodaya School, Adithi (2nd) and Swara Nabha (3rd) from Pushkarani — are seen with Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, social worker, M.N. Doreswamy, Chairman of SJK Builders, M.N. Naveen Kumar, Youth Congress Leader, Maddikeri Gopal, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, M.V. Nagendra Babu, Founder-President and N. Ananth Deekshit, Director.

Trust distributes uniforms to District Hospital staff

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust distributed uniforms to 56 Class-D employees at the District Hospital on KRS Road in city recently in appreciation of the good work done by them during the second wave of COVID-19. Seen are Dr. Mallika, Sister Celina, Dr. Akhila, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson, Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust, Dr. Rajeshwari. District Surgeon, Dr. Naiz Pasha, Gautham and the staff who received uniforms.

Armyman to Fruitman !

Jampa Sangyal's tryst with dragon fruit

Jampa Sangyal assisted by his wife Tsesung Lhamo at his farm in Hunsur.

Hunsur, Aug. 30 (Raghu&BCT)- Many people find no ideas to utilise their retirement life and while away days doing nothing. But Jampa Sangyal, a resident of Gurupura near Hunsur, a retired Indian Armyman, is cultivating dragon fruit organically.

He started dragon fruit cultivation in the fallow land near CSD-Gurupura School and invested money in the idea that is considered to be rare to this region. Pouring sweat in the soil makes your body healthy and also that you get income from farming. Doing something and making income after retirement adds to your joy, he told *Star of Mysore*.

He evinced interest in dragon fruit farming after he learnt ideas about the farming from various sources including online and through consultation with fellow growers. He learnt that the dragon fruit could be cultivated in a land where irrigation facilities are not so good. Gurupura is an arid land and there is not much rain here.

INDIGENOUS TO AMERICAS

The dragon fruit (Hylocereus undatus) is indigenous to the Americas. It grows on the Hylocereus cactus also known as Honolulu Queen, whose flowers only open at night. The plant is native to Southern Mexico and Central America. It goes by many names like Pitaya, Pitahaya and Strawberry Pear.

Its name comes from its appearance — leather-like skin and scaly spikes on the exterior of the fruits. It was introduced to home gardens in India in the 1990s and it gained wider popularity among farmers due to its profitability and the fact that it needed lower inputs once established.

The plant sustains yield for more than 20 years and is high in nutraceutical properties and good for value-added processing industries. The low maintenance and high profitability of dragon fruits has attracted the farming community throughout India.

Jampa Sangyal owns three acres of land and he grows over 35 quintals of the fruit. He has designed his farm scientifically with stone poles where four saplings are planted. A discarded rubber tyre acts as a grip to the plants. The gap between each pole is 8 feet.

ASSISTED BY WIFE

He maintains his farm organically with waste like jaggery manufacturing residue and other organic manure. He guards his farm from raiding elephants and pigs as if he is at the country's border. He does not employ any labourers and he is assisted by his wife Tsesung Lhamo.

He retired from the Indian army on March 21, 2012 after serving for 21 years from 1991. "My red dragon fruits are tastier than normal white ones available in the market. Buyers and middlemen ask the fruit for dirt cheap rate. The organic fruits grown here do not fetch much but sadly, the inorganic and imported dragon fruits are in demand," Jampa Sangyal lamented.

Almost every type of soil can hold a dragon fruit plant. However, sandy soil and good irrigation are preferred. Jampa Sangyal has just studied till 3rd standard at his native CSD-Gurupura School.

He learnt about fruit cultivation through online videos. "My friends and community members turned away when I asked for help. But I have inspired many and they have taken up fruit cultivation now. I have raised this farm with whatever little I learnt. Many school children come here to see the plants and fruits. I give them fruits free of cost and I love children as they are our future citizens."

Not deterred by lack of market for his dragon fruits, Jampa Sangyal wants to plant olives. "What is wrong in trying? I will be busy till my last breath," he said.

ANGER AT CHINA

Jampa Sangyal has served the Army in Ladakh, Assam, Kargil, Batalik and the Line of Control. "I have a great respect towards my motherland. My wife was tortured in her childhood by the Chinese and she ran away from her place, crossed the border on foot and reached India with her group of friends. I am ready to fight China even now," he said, making his hatred evident in his facial expressions.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sophistry

Pronunciation: SAH-fuh-stree.
Meaning: Sophistry refers to reasoning or arguments that sound correct but which are actually false.
Origin: The original Sophists were ancient Greek teachers of rhetoric and philosophy prominent in the 5th century B.C. In their heyday, these philosophers were considered adroit in their reasoning, but later philosophers (particularly Plato) described them as sham philosophers, out for money and willing to say anything to win an argument. Thus sophist (which comes from Greek sophistēs, meaning "wise man" or "expert") earned a negative connotation as "a captious or fallacious reasoner." Sophistry is reasoning that seems plausible on a superficial level but is actually unsound, or reasoning that is used to deceive.
Example: "If you listen to the sophistry emanating from corporate leaders..., prices for goods and services are surging, and one of the causes is quite simple: Workers want more money." — Jacob Silverman, The New Republic, 11 June 2021.

THE ODD WORD

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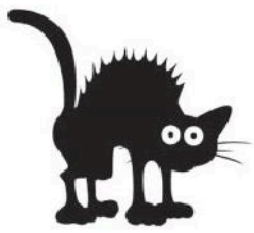
Mud volcano.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Scaredy-Cat



Meaning: Someone who's afraid or scared.
Origin: With the expression 'scaredy-cat' and its other form 'fraidy-cat,' the words 'scared' and 'afraid' are in the spotlight. But why does the word 'cat' get thrown on at the end? Well, because the phrase 'scaredy-cat' likely originates from how easily frightened cats are at times. For example, here is an anecdote for my own cats: When around people they're familiar with, cats are generally fine and relaxed. However, if someone unfamiliar comes to the house (such as an electrician or a plumber), my cats would run and hide the moment they saw a stranger. Really, they might even run for cover before that—simply hearing an unfamiliar voice in the home might be enough for them to hide behind or under furniture! Anyways, the point is that sometimes, cats get scared over little things, hence the phrase 'scaredy-cats.' So how old is this saying? For instance, in a newspaper called The Chronicle, May 1897:
"I Shan't-tell you what's his name ! When we want to play a game,
Always thinks that he'll be hurt, Soil his jacket in the dirt,
Tear his trousers, spoil his hat— Fraidie-cat ! Fraidie-cat!"

QUOTE BOX

Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Streamlined.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

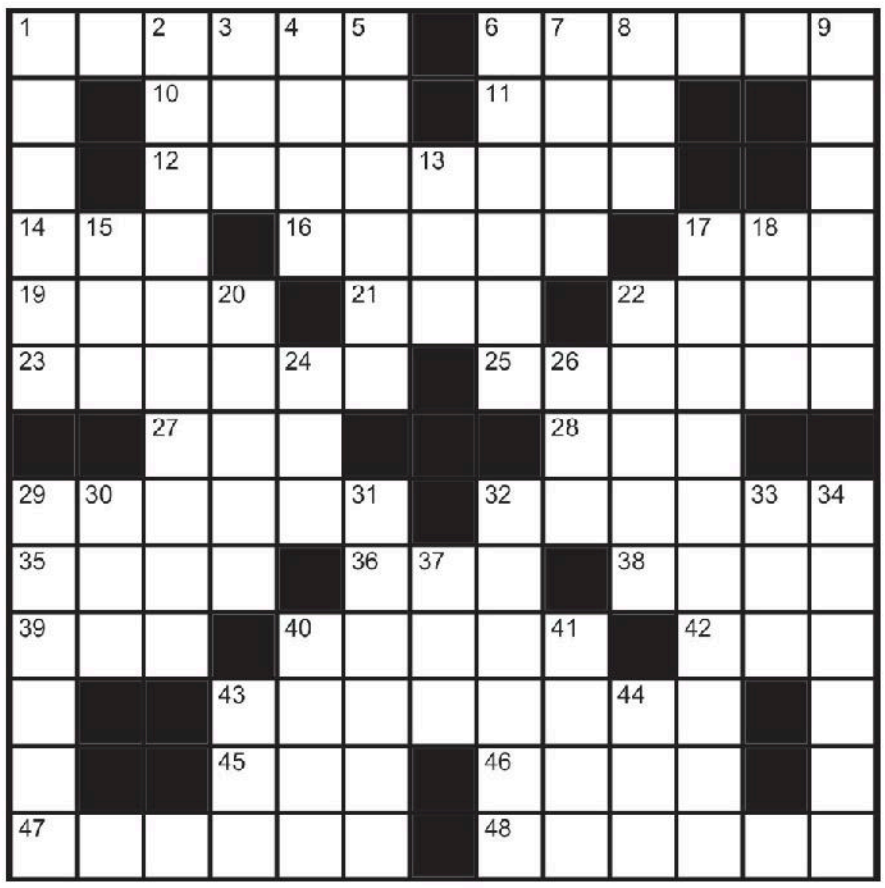
1 Expunged
6 Breaks out like a volcano
10 Devdas's lover on screen
11 A shrill bark
12 Advance
14 A synthetic fruit drink
16 One-masted sailboat
17 Dove sound
19 Zenith
21 Big bird
22 Cut down
23 Going wrong
25 Of rain, poured down
27 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
28 Pretty stone
29 Faculties
32 Where tourists stay?
35 Treat with derision
36 Anger
38 Camera shot
39 Navigational dir.
40 Following
42 Black beetle
43 Femme fatale, spy (4,4)
45 Have being
46 ___ Knott : famous England and Kent wicketkeeper of recent past?
47 Did something wicked
48 Heaviness

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	C	A	B	■	S	T	C	■	T	B	A	R
L	O	U	T	■	O	R	A	■	W	E	R	E
U	R	D	U	■	L	O	P	S	I	D	E	D
R	D	I	■	M	A	Y	S	T	■	S	A	O
■	■	T	S	A	R	■	T	A	C	■	■	■
M	A	I	N	E	■	T	A	B	L	O	I	D
A	P	N	A	■	U	R	N	■	I	L	I	E
L	E	G	I	B	L	E	■	M	M	D	I	V
■	■	■	L	A	Y	■	J	O	B	S	■	■
E	L	S	■	I	S	S	U	E	■	C	A	Y
R	E	P	U	L	S	E	D	■	T	O	L	U
A	N	U	P	■	E	R	A	■	U	R	S	A
T	A	R	S	■	S	A	S	■	N	E	O	N

DOWN

1 Flee from
2 Semblance
3 Search and Rescue
4 "Sore" movement for Greek god
5 Sharp bend
6 Keep an __ __ : act as a sentry, should we say? (3,3)
7 Sound grating
8 Downs' counterparts
9 Endorse
13 Read Only Memory, in short
15 Munich the
17 Praising, entrusting or committing
18 What do I ___ you : how much money do I have to give you?
20 Booth; stand
22 ___ with : comes across; encounters ?
24 Not
26 I myself am hidden in the gorse
29 Separates metal from ore
30 Long time
31 Passed through a sieve
32 Donkey's bray
33 Indochinese language
34 Germinate
37 Reqd Time of Arr.
40 Swiss river - change of "area"?
41 Breathing sound
43 Male person
44 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan



SUDOKU

9				1				8
		7	8		5	6		
1				2				5
	7						4	
8		4				9		7
	1						2	
6				7				4
		2	9		4	3		
3				8				2

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	4	7	8	6	1	2	3
3	6	8	1	9	2	4	5	7
1	7	2	4	3	5	8	6	9
2	8	5	9	6	1	7	3	4
6	4	3	2	7	8	5	9	1
7	9	1	3	5	4	6	8	2
5	3	7	8	4	9	2	1	6
8	1	9	6	2	7	3	4	5
4	2	6	5	1	3	9	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ATK VKZO HZB BKSKC QWCUNSK. QWCUNSKBKXX

NX ATK ZAACNEJAK WQ ATK XACWBU.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Don't compromise yourself - you're all you have.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9900820093**
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Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Krishna Talkies (K) - 4 shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Bell Bottom (H) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
Chehre (H) - 3 shows

Uma Theatre **Ph: 2520009**
The Last Horror (H) - 4 shows

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Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
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		6.20 pm
	(S-3)	11.15 am
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am
		6.25 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-2)	3.25 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 3.55 pm
		6.25 pm

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Chehre (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am
		2.00 pm
		5.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-1)	11.30 am
		2.30 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-1)	5.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
		1.30 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am

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		2.00 pm
		5.00 pm
Sridevi Soda Centre (Te)	:	10.05 am
		1.40 pm
		5.15 pm
Demon Slayer: Mugen Train (E)	:	4.15 pm
		5.30 pm

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Groufie (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.30 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

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Tokyo Paralympic Games (August 24 - September 5)

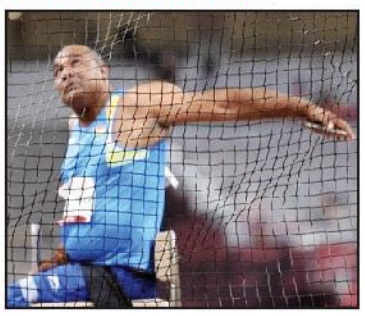
Devendra Jhajharia wins javelin silver, bronze for Sundar Singh Gurjar

Javelin Medal Winners — (from left) ***India's Sundar Singh Gurjar (Bronze), Dinesh Priyantha Herath Mudiyanselage of Sri Lanka (Gold) and Devendra Jhajharia of India (Silver).***

Discus-thrower Yogesh Kathuniya, high-jumper Nishad Kumar win silver medals; Another discus-throw bronze on hold

Yogesh Kathuniya

Nishad Kumar



Vinod Kumar

Tokyo, Aug. 30- Two-time gold-winning javelin-throw veteran Devendra Jhajharia clinched a stupendous third Paralympic medal, a silver this time, while discus-thrower Yogesh Kathuniya also finished second as India surpassed its best ever medal tally at the Games today.

Sundar Singh Gurjar also chipped in with a bronze, finishing behind Jhajharia in the men's javelin-throw F46 final.

The F46 classification is for athletes with arm deficiency, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in arms, with athletes competing in a standing position.

The 40-year-old Jhajharia, already India's greatest Paralympian after winning gold medals in the 2004 and 2016 Games, pulled off a new personal best throw of 64.35m for the silver.

Jhajharia, who lost his left hand after accidentally touching an electric wire while climbing a tree at the age of eight, bettered his own earlier world record (63.97m) but gold winner Sri Lankan Dinesh Priyan Herath Mudiyanselage (67.79m), who set a new world record, was too good for the entire field.

The 25-year-old Gurjar, who lost his left hand in 2015 after a metal sheet fell on him at his friend's house, was third with a best effort of 64.01m. The Jaipur-based Gurjar had won gold in the 2017 and 2019 World Para Athletics Championships. He had also won a silver in the 2018 Jakarta Para Asian Games.

Earlier, discus-thrower Kathuniya clinched a silver medal in the men's F56 event. The 24-year-old, a B.Com graduate from New Delhi's Kirorimal College, sent the disc to a best distance of 44.38m in his sixth and last attempt to clinch the silver. Son of an Army man, Kathuniya suffered a paralytic attack at the age of 8 which left him with coordination impairments in his limbs.

Brazil's defending champion, reigning world champion and world record holder Claudiney Batista dos Santos won gold (45.59m) & Leonardo Diaz Aldana (43.36m) of Cuba won bronze.

In F56 classification, athletes have full arm and trunk muscle power. Pelvic stability is provided by some to full ability to press the knees together.

Kathuniya won a bronze medal in the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai (42.51m) which booked him Tokyo berth. He has created a world record in F36 category in his first ever Intl. contest in 2018 at Para-athletics Grand Prix in Berlin.

India had won 4 medals in 2016 editions while medal count stands at 7 in the ongoing event.

On Sunday, India had picked up 2 silver medals (Bhavinaben Patel in Women's Singles - Class 4 and Nishad Kumar in Men's T-47 High Jump) and a bronze (Discus-thrower Vinod Kumar in Men's F52 event, which is on hold due to a protest).

Paralympic Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	48	31	29	108
2	Great Britain	25	19	20	64
3	USA	15	17	9	41
4	RPC	15	11	28	54
5	Ukraine	11	24	12	47
34	India	1	4	2	7

[Table Updated at 12.30 pm - Indian Standard Time]

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